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1. NOW THAT LARGE EXPANDED PROGRAM OFFICIALLY APPROVED,
EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY SEVERAL ISSUES.

2. PAROLE NUMBERS - OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT EMBASSY WILL
HAVE FLEXIBILITY TO SHIFT PAROLE ALLOCATIONS AMONG ETHNIC
GROUPS AND PAROLE CATEGORIES. WE HAVE PROCEEDED ON THIS
ASSUMPTION ON BASIS REFTELS AND WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF
DEPARTURES FROM FRANCE; WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT WE
HAVE FLEXIBILITY TO USE THE NUMBERS FOR THE MOST COMPELLING
CASES REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY OR GROUP. FOR EXAMPLE, WE
PRESENTLY ENVISION SHIFTING SOME NUMBERS TO KHMER WHO FACE
THE VERY HIGHEST RISK IF RETURNED TO THEIR HOME COUNTRY.

3. PAROLE CRITERIA - EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT PAROLE
CRITERIA MOST RECENT RESTATED IN REFTEL A WILL GOVERN
ACCEPTANCE OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES. THERE ARE PROBABLY
MORE INDIVIDUALS IN CAT III-C THAN OUR EARLIER COUNT
HAS SHOWN. THIS IS BECAUSE MANY OF THE CAT III-B

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MILITARY HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY FRANCE. WE WOULD

INCLUDE UNDER CRITERIA III-C STUDENTS FROM 18 YEARS OF AGE WHO HAVE HAD AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF EDUCATION AND WHO ARE EMINENTLY RESETTLEABLE---MANY HAVE DIPLOMAS IN THEIR POSSESSION.

4. IVD SIBLINGS - EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT IVD SIBLINGS AND PARENTS BE AUTHORIZED FOR PAROLE. OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 100 REFUGEES IN THIS CATEGORY. THEY ARE GENERALLY A CUT ABOVE NORMAL SIBLINGS IN BACKGROUND AND DESERVE TO GO. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S INTERVENTION WITH INS TO PERMIT IVD'S TO DRAW IN SIBLINGS. AS DEPARTMENT CAN WELL IMAGINE, IT HAS BEEN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO PROSPECTIVE SPONSORS AND TO SIBLINGS ON EITHER END THE RATIONALE FOR RESTRICTING IVD'S DRAWING POWER TO SPOUSES AND CHILDREN.

5. MORE DISTANT RELATIVES - AS PROPOSED REFTTEL A, EMBASSY PLANS TO SELECTIVELY PRESENT TO INS MORE DISTANT RELATIVES AFTER BASIC CAT I AND III CASELOAD PRESENTED. IN OTHER WORDS, WE PROPOSE TO GIVE MORE DISTANT RELATIVES A CRACK AT PAROLE BUT ONLY AFTER THE ELIGIBLE REFUGEES IN CAT'S I, II AND III ARE PRESENTED TO INS.
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